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FIVE DEFENDANTS IN "FADZ 4 DAYZ" BARBER SHOP CASE
SENTENCED FOR THEIR ROLES IN MULTI-DRUG TRAFFICKING RING

– Sentenced to a total of 58 years

BOWLING GREEN, KY - Richard Cox, age 31, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County; Collin Carpenter, age 36, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County; Derrick Lander, age 31, of Cadiz, Kentucky, in Trigg County; Trevor Hampton, age 29, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County; and William Downey, age 30, of Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, were sentenced in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced Carpenter to 20 years imprisonment followed by 10 years supervised release, Downey to 18 years imprisonment followed by 10 years supervised release, Cox to 15 years imprisonment followed by 10 years supervised release, Lander to 5 years imprisonment followed by 4 years supervised release, and Hampton was sentenced to time served followed by 2 years supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

The five men were sentenced for their roles in a drug conspiracy involving the manufacture and distribution of crack cocaine, distribution of powder cocaine, and distribution

of marijuana as well as the actual distribution of crack cocaine and powder cocaine at the Fadz 4 Dayz Barber Shop.

All of the men had previously pled guilty to drug related offenses, including conspiracy. The guilty pleas stemmed from a year-long investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Bowling Green / Warren County Drug Task Force, the Kentucky State Police, the Warren County Sheriff's Office, the Western Kentucky University Police Department and the Bowling Green Police Department. The investigation centered around drug trafficking activity in and around the Fadz 4 Dayz Barber Shop located at 2319 Russellville Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Cox was a barber at the shop. Carpenter, Lander, Hampton, and Downey frequently the shop or were known associates of the people dealing drugs in and around the barber shop.

Ten individuals were indicted in conjunction with the investigation in May 2006. Corey Ferguson was found guilty June 12, 2007, by a federal jury in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, of conspiracy and aiding and abetting the distribution of 500 grams or more of cocaine. All of the remaining co-defendants, including Richard Cox, Jerome Shanklin, Collin Carpenter, William Downy, Trevor Hampton, Derrick Lander, Benita Ferguson, and Albert Ferguson previously pled guilty to drug-related charges in federal court. The three Ferguson co-defendants, Corey, Benita, and Albert, are awaiting sentencing hearings scheduled for November 7, 2007, at 11:30 a.m. and December 4, 2007, at 12:00 p.m., respectively. Co-defendant Damon Nelson pled guilty to related charges in Warren Circuit Court.

According to an affidavit filed in the case, law enforcement received information from several sources that large quantities of drugs were being distributed from Fadz 4 Dayz. Law enforcement began physical surveillance of the Fadz 4 Dayz in the Spring of 2005. They observed drug trafficking activity. Beginning in June 2005, numerous purchases of cocaine and

crack cocaine were made inside the Fadz 4 Dayz shop. Electronic surveillance established outside the Fadz 4 Dayz shop was able to capture other drug transactions occurring at the shop. In January 2006, a court-authorized audio and video interception device was installed inside Fadz 4 Dayz which captured drug transactions occurring inside the barber shop. The overall conspiracy involved drugs with a street value exceeding \$100,000.00.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted this investigation in partnership with the Warren County / Bowling Green Drug Task Force, as part of their mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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